

## City of Torrance, Community Services Department Policy and Guidelines PROOF OF TORRANCE RESIDENCY

The City of Torrance is committed to providing quality programs and services to its residents. One way to demonstrate that commitment is by providing priority registration, priority booking, and discounted fees to those participants/customers that reside within the Torrance City Limit. Therefore, the City requires that residents provide proof of residency to qualify for these benefits.

## What determines residency?

To be a resident of the City of Torrance you must legally reside on property that falls within the Torrance City Limit.

- For a map of the Torrance City Limit visit:
  www.torranceca.gov/PDF/StnxmapPD2000\_2008\_11x17.pdf
- Proof of residency is <u>not</u> determined by a Post Office Zip Code. For example, both the 90501 and 90502 zip codes east of Western Avenue have mailing addresses that say Torrance, CA, but are not within the Torrance City Limit. Additionally, certain Torrance residents have Postal codes with mailing addresses that say Redondo Beach or Gardena, even though they are located within the Torrance City Limit.

## **How do I provide Proof of Residency?**

Proof of Residency is determined by the street address of the customer, and whether or not that address is located within the Torrance City Limit. Acceptable documents to prove residency include:

- California Driver's License
- Utility Bills: electric, water, gas or cable (most recent billing period)
- Car Registration/Car Insurance

These documents will be used to verify the street address, and not the City listed or Postal code. If you are unable to provide proof of residency, you will be charged as a non-resident and follow non-resident guidelines. Note: Post Office Boxes can not be used as proof of residency.

## Why does residency matter?

- Torrance residents live within the Torrance City Limit. Residents pay taxes that ultimately fund City programs and the Torrance Unified School District.
- The programs and classes are funded/subsidized by the City's General Fund, a portion of which is acquired through property taxes paid by Torrance residents.
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- The policies, procedures, and funding are approved by the Torrance City Council, all of whom are voted into office by the residents within the Torrance City Limits.